

2011 FenCon VIII / DeepSouthCon 49 Hearts Tournament Rules

1. The Tournament will consist of 16, 24 or 32 players, depending upon the number of entrants who sign up in the gaming room by 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoon. Sign up will begin at 1:00 PM
2. Groupings will be assigned by the tournament director. The players are to meet at the gaming room no earlier than 1:45 PM for the first round and no later than 2:15 PM. Anyone who is more than 15 minutes late for the first game may be replaced by any alternates. In later rounds a person is subject to being replaced by the best scoring player from the previous round who did not advance, if he/she is more than 15 minutes late.
3. The Tourney will be three rounds. In the first round, the winner and the next best scorer will advance from each table. In the second round only the winner will advance if we have 32 players.
4. Table positions will be decided with a cut of the cards, which also selects the first dealer. High card deals first with players seated to the dealer's left in descending order.
5. NO TABLE TALK ALLOWED, (e.g. have Hearts been split?). Violators will be assessed 26 points, UNLESS someone succeeds in Shooting during that hand, in which case the Shoot will govern the scoring.
6. Blood anytime, including the first trick, which is led out by the person to the dealer's left. Hearts may not be led until they have been broken. Hearts are broken when a Heart or the Queen of Spades have been played. NOTE: A player with the lead who has a handful of Hearts and the Queen of Spades must play the Queen, if Hearts have not yet been broken.
7. The pass of three cards is: Left, Right, Across and Hold.
8. If you Shoot the Moon, you have the option of going down 26 points or sending all your opponents up 26 points.
9. A renege will result in the offender being assessed 26 points and the hand being tossed in.
10. The game is over when someone reaches 100 points or more.
11. The Tourney is for individual play only. Playing as partners will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.
12. There are no good points, e.g. Jack of Diamonds = 15 points.
13. Remember it's a game, but it is Hearts.